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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF COLOMBIA LABELING REQUIREMENTS

REF A. STATE 228867 B. STATE 235439

1. DECREE 1188 OF JUNE 25/74 IS COLOMBIAN NATIONAL DANGEROUS
DRUGS LAW. CHAPTER 3, ARTICLES 13-21 DEVOTED TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
AND TOBACCO.

2. EMB HAS CONTACTED SOURCES IN MIN OF JUSTICE REGARDING APPLICATION
OF LABELING REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 3. SOURCES INFORMED
US THAT ALTHOUGH REQUIREMENTS TECHNICALLY IN EFFECT, FOR ALL
PRACTICAL PURPOSES THEY WILL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE AND CANNOT BE
ENFORCED UNTIL IMPLEMENTING REGS ISSUED, A PROCESS ESTIMATED TO
INVOLVE AN ADDITIONAL 2-3 MONTHS.

3. PROVISIONS OF CHAPT 3 HAVE DRAWN CONSIDERABLE AND HIGHLY
PUBLICIZED CRITICISM FROM LOCAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INDUSTRY
WHICH HAS THREATENED TO SUSPEND PRODUCTION IF REQUIREMENTS ENFORCED
IN THE NEAR FUTURE. UK EMB APPROACH TO GOC HAS ALSO BEEN WIDELY
PUBLICIZED.

4. EMB PLANS APPROACH MINISTRIES OF HEALTH AND FOREIGN RELATIONS
NEXT WEEK AND WILL REPORT RESULTS. VAKY

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